ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES



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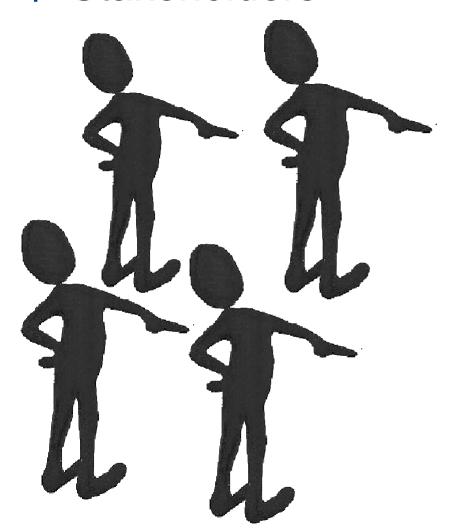








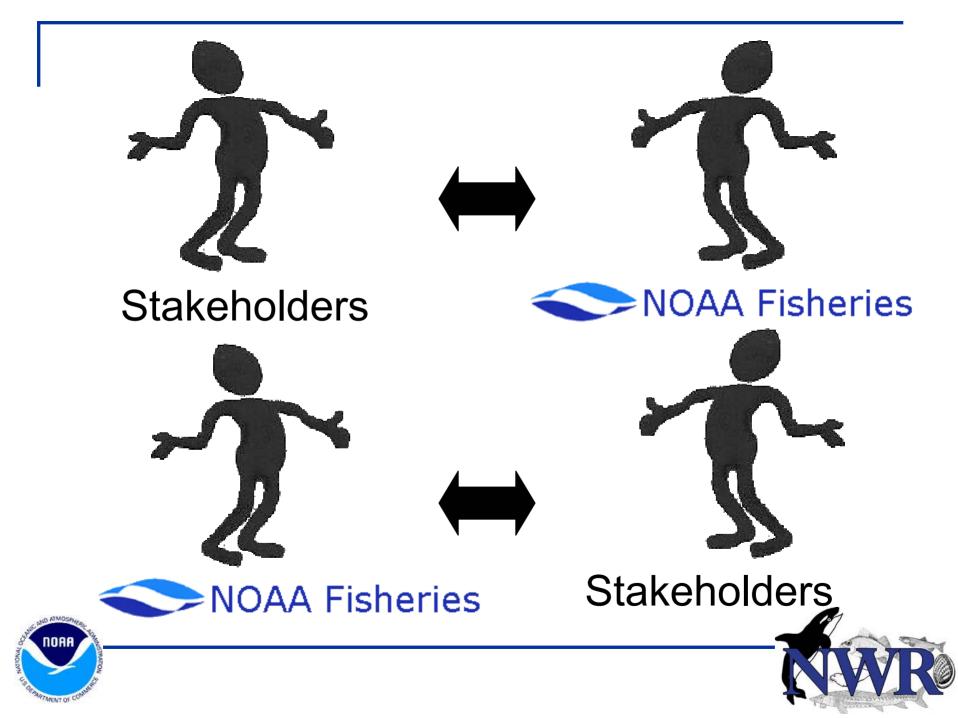
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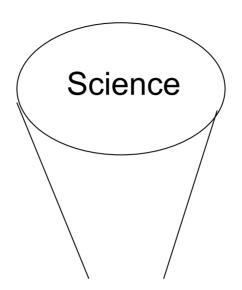


Conservation Planning Process

- Develop Plan
- Communicate Plan
- Support and Implement Plan
 - Funding
 - Legislation
 - Action

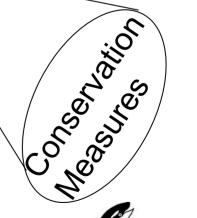






Northwest Regional Office









Conservation Plan-Foundation of Science

Natural History

Ecosystem Relationships

Risk Factors

Effectiveness of Conservation Measures

Northwest Fisheries Science Center in collaboration with the scientific community





Conservation Measures

Informed by -

- Science
- Public participation
- Regulatory mandates

NOAA Fisheries NW Region in collaboration with stakeholders and other governmental organizations





Outreach

NOAA will-

Host Conservation Planning web page Post documents, seek public input, organize meetings

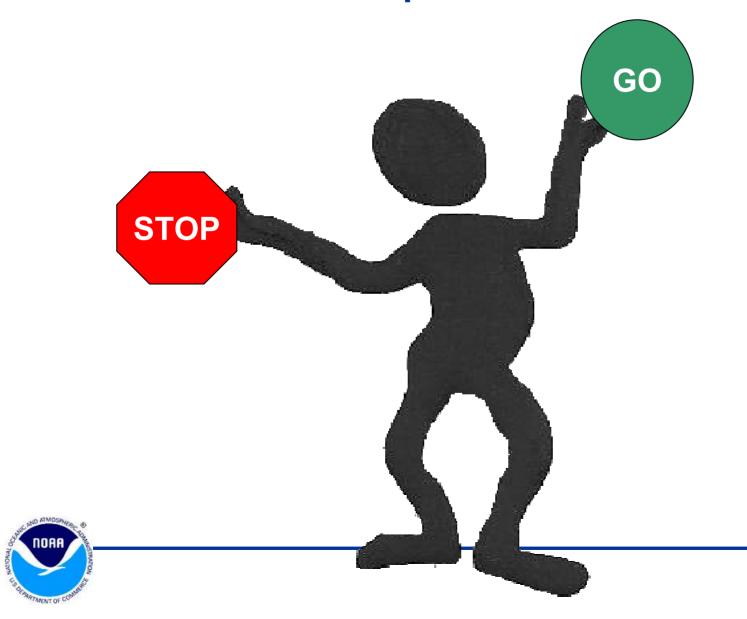
Topic-specific sign ups

Gather information on interest & expertise Incorporate public comments

Identify and seek information on conservation needs



A few rules of public service





Regulations & Legal Constraints

MMPA

APA

NEPA

FACA*

Tribal Treaties

Regulatory Agencies





Federal Advisory Committee Act

- Provide uniform standards for advisory committees
- Monitor the number and activity
- Protect public access to and awareness of deliberations





FACA is triggered when:

- A group that includes at least one non-federal employee meets to
- provide consensus advice to
- a federal agency





Some FACA Exceptions

Groups that are:

- Composed of all federal employees
- Exchanging facts or information
- Composed of state, local or tribal officials and involve matters of intergovernmental responsibility
- Obtaining the advice of individual attendees
- Specifically exempted by Congress
 - ESA Recovery Planning Teams (not MMPA Conservation Planning Teams)

Contact General Law Division at (202) 482-5391 for specific advice

STOP We think....

